

Attorney Docket No. 247268US-2SRD DIV  
Inventor: Hirofumi MURATANI  
Preliminary Amendment filed: January 8, 2004

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this divisional patent application in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-31 are presently active, Claims 1-28 and 32 canceled by the present preliminary amendment.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Eckhard H. Kuesters  
Registration No. 28,870

Customer Number  
**22850**

Phone (703) 413-3000

Fax (703) 413-2220

EHK:mlh

H:\DIVISIONAL APPLICATIONS\247268US-PREAMT.DOC